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(U) CALIFORNIA

(U) San Francisco – Three Wounded in Shooting at Park

(U) Three people were shot yesterday at a popular park in San Francisco's Mission District. One person was taken to a hospital with life-threatening injuries, while the other two were expected to survive. Witnesses told news media that the violence came after half a dozen men, some wearing bandannas over their faces, began shouting. Soon after, witnesses said, one of the men pulled out a handgun and fired six to seven rounds in rapid succession. Authorities are investigating the incident.

SOURCE: 3 August 2017, [SF Gate](#)

(U) NATIONAL

(U) District of Columbia – Attorney General Threatens 'Sanctuary Cities'

(U) Washington – US cities that refuse to step up efforts to focus on crimes committed by illegal immigrants will not be allowed to participate in a new crime reduction training program unveiled earlier this year by the Justice Department, Attorney General Jeff Sessions said yesterday. In making the announcement, Sessions singled out four local police departments that had expressed interest in the new Public Safety Partnership Program, saying they first had to answer a list of questions by 18 August confirming they do not have any "sanctuary" policies to shield illegal immigrants from possible deportation. The four police departments that must respond are Albuquerque, New Mexico; Baltimore, Maryland; and San Bernardino and Stockton, California.

SOURCE: 3 August 2017, [Reuters](#)

(U) Nevada – Cyber Expert Who Stopped 'WannaCry' Attack Arrested on Hacking Charges

(U) Las Vegas – A British-based computer researcher has been arrested by US authorities on charges that he conspired to advertise and sell Kronos banking malware, a court filing unsealed yesterday showed. Marcus Hutchins was detained in Las Vegas this week after attending the annual Def Con hacking conference. He is widely credited with helping to neutralize the global "WannaCry" ransomware attack earlier this year. A US official said his case was unrelated to the WannaCry attack.

SOURCE: 3 August 2017, [Reuters](#)

(U) Texas – US Man Pleads Guilty to Illegally Exporting Space Components to Russian, China

(U) Plano – A Texas man pleaded guilty yesterday to conspiring to illegally export radiation hardened integrated circuits for use in Russian and Chinese space programs. Peter Zuccarelli, 62, of Plano, Texas, received approximately \$1.5 million from an unnamed co-conspirator to purchase the circuits for Chinese and Russian customers, in violation of strict export controls. Zuccarelli faces a maximum sentence of five years in prison.

SOURCE: 3 August 2017, [Reuters](#)

(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) Australia – ISIS Behind Foiled Airlines Bomb Plot

(U) Sydney – An Australian man sent his unsuspecting brother to Sydney airport to catch an Etihad Airways flight carrying a home-made bomb disguised as a meat-mincer built at the direction of a senior ISIS commander. Detailing one of Australia's "most sophisticated" militant plots, police said two men, who have been charged with terror-related offenses, also planned to build a device to release poisonous gas in a public area. High-grade military explosives used to build the bomb were sent by air cargo from Turkey as part of a plot "inspired and directed" by ISIS. The plot targeted an Etihad Airways flight on 15 July but the bomb never made it past airport security.

SOURCE: 3 August 2017, [Reuters](#)

(U) Somalia – US Confirms Airstrike Killed Al-Shabaab Commander

(U) Tortorooow – The US military confirmed it killed a high-level commander of the al-Shabaab extremist group with an airstrike in Somalia over the weekend, targeting a man blamed for planning deadly attacks in the capital of the Horn of Africa nation. A US Africa Command statement said the strike on 30 July killed Ali Mohamed Hussein, also known as Ali Jabal—the highest-level al-Shabaab commander killed this year. Ali Jabal was responsible for leading al-Shabaab forces operating in the Mogadishu and Banadiir regions in planning and executing attacks against the capital of Mogadishu.

SOURCE: 4 August 2017, [Associated Press](#)

(U) Spain – Police Break up Large Immigration Ring

(U) Malaga – Police in Spain say they have broken up a large immigration ring that smuggled Iranians as young as five into the UK. The gang allegedly supplied fake Spanish passports to Iranian nationals so they could fly into the UK. More than 100 people were arrested across Europe, including the suspected ringleader, who was apprehended at London's Heathrow airport as he tried to flee to Brazil. The operation involved Spain's federal police, London's Metropolitan Police, and European crime agency Europol. Spanish police said the criminal organization was 15 people-strong, all of whom had been detained in Malaga with the exception of the suspected ringleader.

SOURCE: 3 August 2017, [BBC News](#)

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